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### JANESVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Abdul D. Harriel, 27, Janesville, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to distributing crack cocaine on October 18, 2006. U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for July 18, 2007. Harriel faces a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison.

Throughout the fall of 2006, undercover officers from the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force purchased crack cocaine from Harriel. On October 18, 2006, Harriel sold crack cocaine to an undercover police officer for \$500.

The charges against the defendant were the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force comprised of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Rock County Sheriff's Department; the Beloit Police Department; the Janesville Police Department; and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. To date, a total of 33 defendants have been convicted of federal drug and gun charges resulting from Task Force investigations.

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